

REMARKS

The amendments in this response are made to the claims as examined in the Office Action dated July 2, 2007. Amendments herein are made to place the application in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Claims 1 – 22 are pending. Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 13-16, 18 and 20 stand rejected at present. Claims 8, 9, 12, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are objected to. Claims 12 and 19 – 22 are canceled herein. Claims 1 have been amended to include claim 12 identified as allowable.

The formal informalities raised related to the specification and drawings are corrected herein.

Claims 1-7, 13-15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mumallah et al. (US 4799548). Independent claim 1 is amended herein to overcome the rejection.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mumallah et al. in view of Parris et al. (US 601 1075). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mumallah et al.. Independent claim 1 is amended herein to include the feature of dependent claim 12, and claims 10 and 11 depend thereupon. Thus, claims 10 and 11 are patentable over the combination of references.

Applicants believe this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues. This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2007 for which the five month date for response is December 2, 2007. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1214).

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